(b) the total cost of the same and the advantages thereto;

(c) whether India proposes to send a Man to the Moon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Chandrayaan-1 was launched by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C11) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre on October 22, 2008. Through several crucial mission manoeuvres and operations, the satellite was injected into lunar orbit on November 8, 2008 at 17:05 hrs. All the operations including the descent of the Moon Impact Probe were successfully completed on November 14, 2008 at 20:35 hrs. Chandrayaan-1 carried payloads which would map the surface of the Moon in various spectral bands to explore the — mineral composition of the lunar surface, availability of ice water in the polar region and Helium 3 on the lunar surface and the radiation effects.

(b) The total cost of the mission including the establishment of Deep Space Network for tracking Chandrayaan-1 is Rs. 386 crores. It would support enhancement of scientific knowledge about the moon, origin and evolution of earth-moon system and also enthuse the younger generation of scientists to pursue planetary science which when nurtured could provide immense benefit to the society at large. In addition, the mission offers unique advantages in terms of developing technological capabilities for future interplanetary missions of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Flats for slum-dwellers

†1995. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any plan for construction of multistorey flats for 50 slum-dwellers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is targeted to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Delhi Urban Art Commission

1996. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.